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The repair estimate for closing the breach of supply channel and improvements to outlet were sanctioned in June and July 1928 and the works will be executed after the rainy season is over. The ryots could easily have closed the hole and the breach which, at first, was small.

2. Damerla tank referred to is Dammara cheruvu, No. 11 in Raocheruvu group of Upper Sagileru minor basin.

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to question No. 543 asked by Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 12th October 1928, page 463 supra.]

Letter from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works and Labour Department, dated the 5th October 1928, No. 985/27-C-4.

[Expansion of irrigation under the Muniyeru Project.]

The question of the availability of supply to the proposed reservoir is being examined. In this connexion a statement of discharges showing the supply available at the head of the Muniyeru main channel from 1923—27 was prepared in this office and sent to the Superintending Engineer, on 18th September 1928 for verification and report.

2. From my inspection of the site when I was Superintending Engineer, Bezwada Circle, I found that the soil available for the construction of the bund was black cotton mostly in layers of 1 foot to 3 feet thick over white morum. Black cotton is not suitable for the hearting of a bund 35 to 40 feet high in places. I do not think there is any likelihood of the proposed reservoir being built owing to the absence of good soil in the neighbourhood.

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APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to question No. 589 asked by Mr. A. B. Shetty at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 12th October 1928, page 498 supra.]

Proceedings of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, No. 349 Rt., dated the 21st September 1928.

The following information is furnished :—

Clause (a) of the question.—Yes, a new condition was inserted in the Forest Village System Panchayat agreements executed in 1927–28 requiring the Panchayats to clear and fire-trace the exterior lines of reserves concerned at their own cost.

Clause (b) of the question.—As a result of the introduction of this condition five of the old panchayats declined to renew their agreements. But three of them accepted the condition and renewed their agreements.

Clause (*c*) *of the question.*—Yes. The Forest department had been fire-tracing the reserve lines at its own cost prior to the introduction of the Forest Village System.

Clause (*d*) *of the question.*—Subject to satisfactory protection from fire and offences the panchayats are granted a refund of grazing fees collected from them up to a maximum of 75 per cent. The refund is the source of income.

Appendix V.

[Vide answer to question No. 598 asked by Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 12th October 1928, page 503 supra.]

Copy of letter from the President, District Board, Kurnool, dated 6th September 1928, *R.C. No.* 492/21.

I have the honour to state that the District Health Officer, Kurnool, submitted on 14th July 1928 the sketch showing the alignment of the proposed pipe line from Bhargavakoneru to the Ahobilam temple premises. A width of 66 feet throughout the length of the proposed line with the exceptions of some portions in patta lands is required for the laying in of the pipes and as this area lies entirely in the Forest, the Collector has been requested in this office, R.C. No. 492/21, dated 29th August 1928, to grant a permanent licence in the name of the temple diety. As for the portions required in the patta lands S. Nos. 280 and 282, the District Board Engineer has been asked to report on 'th July 1928 whether the acquisition of the portions in these patta lands cannot be had by private negotiations. The District Board Engineer has not submitted his report yet. I am reminding him again. The estimates are ready. Sanction for the estimates will be obtained after the question of acquisition of the patta lands is settled. The work will be put in on hand as soon as the patta lands are acquired and the licence referred to above is granted by the Collector.

Appendix VI.

[Vide answer to question No. 601 asked by Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 12th October 1928, page 504 supra.]

G.O. Mis. No. 1027, Revenue, dated 10th May 1928.

Read—the following paper :—

From the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, No. B-2688/27-3, dated 5th December 1927.

Order—Mis. No. 1027, *Revenue, dated the* 10*th May* 1928.

In its reference read above, the Board of Revenue has recommended that 350 acres of land in and near Lammasingi village, Gudem Agency, Vizagapatam district, which have been applied for by the hon. Rao Bahadur C. V. S. Narasimha Raju Avargal and Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Avargal for the cultivation of plantation products and fruit trees should be leased to them for a period of 30 years. The Board has stated that as the